

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-13 and 19-22 remain in this application.

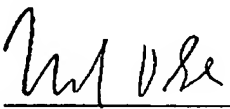
In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 19 because of informalities. Applicants have amended these claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to overcome these objections.

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,425,909 to Dieck, et al. Claims 12, 13, 20 and 22 were allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-11, 19 and 21 were objected to but indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections. To expedite prosecution, claims 15 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, leaving the claims with allowable subject matter in the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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